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 Appeal No.: 2004-0878
 For: *METHODS FOR REDUCED RENAL UPTAKE
OF PROTEIN CONJUGATES*
 Applicant(s): Behr et al.
Our Reference: 41058- US (formerly 18734-161)

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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants wish to confirm attendance at the Hearing scheduled for June 22, 2004 for the captioned application. Set forth below is an explanation as to why this confirmation is being made after the 21 day period for response set forth in the Notice of Hearing, mailed March 15, 2004.

The Notice of Hearing (appended hereto as Exhibit A) was mailed to applicants' previous legal representatives, Foley and Lardner, and was received on March 16, 2004, as shown by the Foley and Lardner date stamp on the back of the Notice (appended hereto as Exhibit B). A reply was required within 21 days, i.e. by April 5, 2004. The Notice eventually was forwarded to applicants' current representatives, but was not received until April 8, 2004, as shown by the Heller Ehrman receipt date stamp on Exhibit B.

The undersigned telephoned Ms. Dianne Maggard on April 9, confirmed that applicants' representative wished to attend the Hearing, and explained the circumstances regarding why the confirmation was made more than 21 days after the mailing date of the Notice. Ms. Maggard requested that a written explanation for this delay (provided above), and a Power of Attorney to applicants be forwarded to the Board.

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An executed Power of Attorney for this application is appended hereto as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Tuesday, June 22, 2004 |
| 9:00 AM |
| Room 12C07 |
| CRYSTAL GATEWAY 2 |
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NOTICE OF HEARING

CONFIRMATION REQUIRED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS

Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 1.194(a).

The above identified appeal will be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on the date indicated. Hearings will commence at the time set and as soon as the argument in one appeal is concluded, the succeeding appeal will be taken up.

The time allowed for argument is twenty minutes unless additional time is requested and permitted before the argument is commenced.

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37 CFR § 1.136(a) does not apply.

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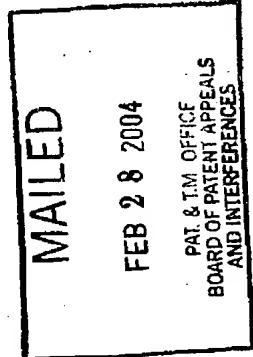
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Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Docketing Notice

Application 09/200,791 was received from the Technology Center at the Board on January 13, 2004 and has been assigned. Appeal No: 2004-0878.

A review of the file indicates that the following documents have been filed by appellant:

Appeal Brief filed on: June 16, 2003
 Reply Brief filed on: October 21, 2003
 Request for Hearing filed on: October 21, 2003

In all future communications regarding this appeal, please include both the application number and the appeal number.

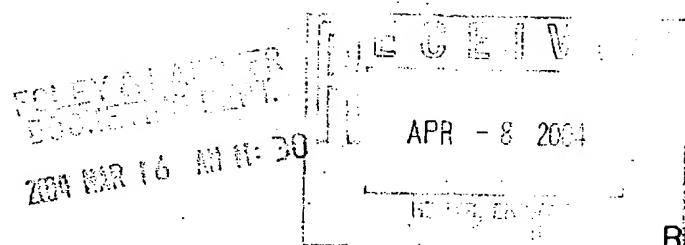
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Exhibit A



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